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SUBJECT: TA KUNG PAO ON KIM II-SUNG VISIT

1. IN AN APPARENT EFFORT TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT (AT LEAST FROM THE PRC POINT OF VIEW), THE PRC-OWNED HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO APRIL 29 CARRIED A COMMENTARY REFUTING "INCORRECT SPECULATIONS" MADE BY THE FOREIGN PRESS CONCERNING KIM II-SUNG'S VISIT TO CHINA. AFTER REITERATING THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE'S POSITION ON US TROOPS IN KOREA, THE US TWO-KOREAN POLICY, AND PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION (REFTEL), THE COMMENTARY CLAIMS THAT FOREIGN PRESS SPECULATION ON THE KIM VISIT INDICATING THAT, FOLLOWING INDOCHINESE DEVELOPMENTS, THERE WILL BE "TROUBLE" IN KOREA, IS INCORRECT AND MADE WITH "ULTERIOR MOTIVES."

2. THE THRUST OF THE COMMENTARY IS THAT THE "PAK CLIQUE"

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AND ITS "MASTER," THE USG, HAVE SHARPENED CONTRADICTIONS

WITHIN SOUTH KOREA BY THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF US TROOPS AND THE FASCIST DICTATORSHIP. THUS, THE SOUTH KOREAN PEOPLE ARE HEIGHTENING THEIR STRUGGLE TO OPPOSE TYRANNY AND ACHIEVE REUNIFICATION. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE COMMENTARY CLAIMS THAT KIM II-SUNG'S STATEMENT IN PEKING TO THE EFFECT THAT HE WOULD NOT STAND IDLY BY IF REVOLUTION OCCURRED IN SOUTH KOREA WAS ONLY "NATURAL AND LOGICAL". THE COMMENTARY MAINTAINED THAT NORTH KOREA "WILL NOT STIR UP TROUBLE" BUT SOUTH KOREANS THEMSELVES WANT REVOLUTION.

3. COMMENT: THIS COMMENTARY IN A PRC-OWNED PAPER IS A RATHER EXTRAORDINARY DEMONSTRATION OF PEKING'S DESIRE TO INDICATE PUBLICLY THAT IT HAS NOT ENCOURAGED ANY PRECIPITOUS ACTION BY KIM AND PROBABLY ACTED TO DAMPEN ANY DPRK OVER-ENTHUSIASM IN THE WAKE OF THE INDOCHINESE EVENTS DURING THE KIM VISIT TO PEKING. AT THE SAME TIME, IT LEAVES OPEN PEKING'S OPTION TO SUPPORT THE DPRK IN CASE SOME TYPE OF "REVOLUTION" OCCURS IN SOUTH KOREA. THE COMMENTARY, HOWEVER, SEEMS TO BE MUCH MORE IN KEEPING WITH THE PRC'S RECENT EMPHASIS ON PEACEFUL MEANS TO ACHIEVE ITS INTERNATIONAL GOALS, I.E., PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF SOUTH ASIAN PROBLEMS AND PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF TAIWAN.
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